

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Maxie A. DUREL 

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EXAMINER: Ruhl, Dennis William

FOR: "Tampon String Accessory Apparatus"

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**RESPONSE**



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Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2002. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by July 19, 2002.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice.

8. (amended) Apparatus including:  
a tampon having a tampon string, the tampon string having a first end attached to the tampon and a second, free end distal from the tampon; and  
an attachment for the tampon string, the attachment comprising a tampon extension string